



Steve Olsen Photo

Fall from cabin roof leaves man in critical condition

A 37-year-old Orem man remains in serious condition at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center after he was airlifted Wednesday afternoon from the Sundance area after falling from the roof of a three-story cabin. Hospital spokesman Clark Caras said Tom Cottam was brought to the Provo hospital by a Life Flight medivac helicopter based at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. Witnesses at the scene said the victim was working on the

cabin at Sundance and fell more than 60 feet to the ground. Emergency radio transmissions from the scene of the accident reported that the man had stopped breathing and was resuscitated at the scene by a ski patrolman who treated the victim until paramedics from the Provo Fire Department arrived. A Life Flight helicopter was launched from Salt Lake City to Sundance to transport the victim to the helipad

at the Provo medical facility. A construction worker in American Fork was luckier Wednesday when he suffered only a sprained ankle and bumps and bruises after a 42-foot fall in an elevator shaft. Eric Arnoldson, 24, fell down an elevator shaft under construction at American Fork City Hall about 3:45 p.m. He was taken to American Fork Hospital where he is listed in stable condition.

Youngster dies in traffic accident

TRAFFIC FATALITY — A four-year-old girl from Elsinore died at American Fork Hospital Wednesday after she was struck by a truck driven by a 16-year-old from London near 226 S. Proctor Lane in Pleasant Grove.

According to Utah County sheriff's deputy Gary Reed, Savanna Jensen, who was staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Proctor, was struck after the driver of a 1978 Chevrolet pickup lost control of his westbound vehicle.

The vehicle struck the girl just outside her grandparents' front yard. She was the daughter of Raymond and LaRae Jensen of Elsinore.

No citations have been issued but the investigation is continuing.

ARRESTS — Provo police officer Larry Scarber arrested Verl Kevin Cook, 21, of 4264 N. Canyon, Provo, and charged him with evading arrest following a vehicle chase Wednesday. The charge is a third-degree felony.

Police beat

• Provo police officers Clarence Phillips and Franklin Arrowchis and detective Brad Leatham have arrested Clarence Edwin Strum, 27, of 1738 S. Village Lane, Orem, on burglary and public intoxication charges. Strum is also known as Eric Ed.

BURGLARY — Provo police are

investigating the theft of a cable TV box and \$50 in cash from the area of 400 N. 750 E.

• Provo police are investigating the theft of a video-cassette recorder worth \$300 from the area of 1200 W. 1500 N.

• Provo police are investigating the theft of two stereos, total value \$600, from the 2000 block of S. Park Ave.

• Provo police are investigating the theft of \$30 from a purse in the area of 1100 E. 300 S.

• Utah County sheriff's deputies are investigating the theft of several items — including a shotgun, radio, fishing pole, chain saw, and television, total value \$700 — from the area of 10300 S. 2520 W., Payson.

RECOVERED VEHICLE — Orem police Sgt. Fran Fillmore has recovered a stolen pickup. The black four-wheel drive truck was taken in the northeast park of the city early this morning and was recovered about four blocks away. Fillmore reported that the truck was apparently undamaged.

FALL INJURY — Gary Jones of Nephi is in serious condition at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, Provo, following an industrial accident. No additional information on the accident is available.

Six-year-old starts house fire

By PATRICK CHRISTIAN
Herald Staff Writer

Quick action by two south Provo neighbors probably prevented a residential fire from destroying a two-story four-plex Wednesday afternoon said authorities.

Provo Fire Department inspector Chuck Tandy said a fire at 2156 S. Dakota Ave. was reported to emergency dispatchers at 12:07 p.m.

"We arrived six minutes later and discovered that two men had put it out," said Tandy.

Tandy said the fire had been apparently started by a six-year-old and the flames quickly had gotten out of the youth's control.

He said the youth attempted unsuccessfully to extinguish the growing blaze and then ran to a nearby residence to seek help.

Tandy estimates the damage to the boy's apartment and its contents at between \$4,000 and \$6,000.

John Liddiard and Bob Dunkle said they became aware of the fire when the young boy ran to their apartment and said, "Do you have anything to put out a fire with."

Liddiard said he asked the boy how big a fire, and the boy replied, "big!"

"He was trying to be calm but you could see that he was pretty scared," Liddiard said.

"He grabbed the hose," Liddiard said pointing to Dunkle. "And I grabbed the bucket, and we were throwing water inside the apartment."

The two men said when they arrived flames were climbing an inside wall and charring the ceiling.

"It was so hot in there, we could not enter and had to fight it from the doorway. The heat cracked a double-pane window," Liddiard said.

"They saved a \$100,000 struc-

ture," said Tandy, the fire inspector. "For sure it would have been a total loss."

Tandy said the southeast Provo neighborhood where the fire erupted is near the city limits between Provo and Springville and is among the areas requiring longer response times compared to most other city locations.

"A fire doubles in size over one and a half to two minutes and after six minutes I'm sure the building would have been engulfed," said Tandy.

Why not a state beer?

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The pace was slow in the Legislature, so state Rep. Terry Dempsey thought he'd try to designate a state beer. After all, he said, there was a state mushroom.

"That opened the door to any

beer, brewed in New Ulm. Dempsey, an Independent-Republican, represents New Ulm.

Dempsey said he introduced the bill Feb. 5 with his tongue somewhat in cheek. "But things are so